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REVOLUTIONARY
WAR with
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,
PAUL REVERE and
GEORGE WASHINGTON!

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BY INTERCEPTING THIS
LIGHTNING BOLT WITH MY
INVULNERABLE BODY AND
CONDUCTING IT TO THIS KITE,
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S EXPERIMENT
WILL SUCCEED! NEXT--I MUST
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SUPERMAN
WHEN HE WAS A BOY

THERE IT WAS--A NEWSPAPER HEADLINE PROCLAIMING THAT THE KENTS HAD PERISHED! BUT, EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE WAS THE FACT THAT THE NEWSPAPER WAS OVER TWO CENTURIES OLD! TO SOLVE THIS STRANGE MYSTERY, SUPERBOY AND HIS FOSTER PARENTS EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, BACK TO THE TURBULENT DAYS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION--AND THERE CLARK BECAME INVOLVED IN THE FANTASTIC ROLE OF--

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S SUPER-REPORTER

FOR ONCE, WE'RE GOING WITH OUR SON THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER AND INTO THE PAST!

WITH THESE COSTUMES ON, WE'LL EASILY BE ABLE TO PASS AS AMERICAN COLONIALS!



1775

1870

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THERE'S OLD PHILADELPHIA AHEAD! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SLIP INTO MY COLONIAL COSTUME, AND HIDE MY SUPER-IDENTITY!

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AWAY ON A VACATION TRIP, CLARK (**SUPERBOY**) KENT AND HIS FOSTER PARENTS VISIT THE NATION'S CAPITOL...

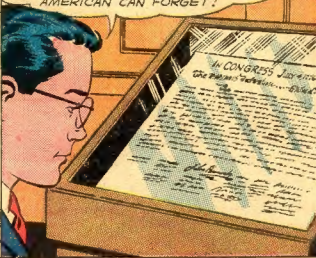
MAKES A PERSON PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!

I KNOW, DAD! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL THAT THE ROCKET WHICH CARRIED ME TO EARTH FROM **KRYPTON**, LANDED IN AMERICA AND NOT IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY!



EVERYWHERE THEY TOUR THEY SEE INSPIRING REMINDERS OF EARLY AMERICA'S HISTORY...

LOOK! THE **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**. AND JOHN HANCOCK WAS THE FIRST TO SIGN IT! THAT'S A SIGNATURE NO AMERICAN CAN FORGET!

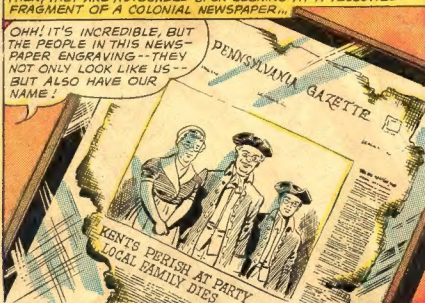


THEN, THEY ARE ASTOUNDED UPON LOOKING AT A YELLOWED FRAGMENT OF A COLONIAL NEWSPAPER...

OH! IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT THE PEOPLE IN THIS NEWS-PAPER ENGRAVING--THEY NOT ONLY LOOK LIKE US-- BUT ALSO HAVE OUR NAME!

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE

KENT'S PERISH AT PARTY
LOCAL FAMILY DIES



IT JUST CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE! THOSE KENTS MUST BE US! BUT HOW COULD WE HAVE "DIED" IN THE PAST, WHEN WE'RE ALIVE NOW?

THERE HAS TO BE AN ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY--AND THE ONLY WAY I'LL FIND IT IS BY GOING BACK INTO THE PAST!



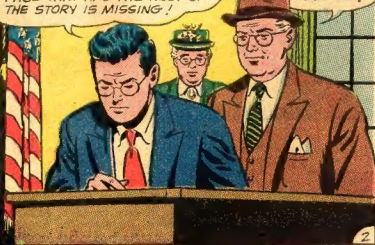
AND WE'LL HAVE TO GO WITH YOU, SON--BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY ALL **THREE** OF US COULD HAVE EVER BEEN IN COLONIAL TIMES!

TRUE, DAD! AT LEAST THAT ANSWERS ONE PART OF THE MYSTERY RIGHT NOW!



LOOK! THIS PAPER IS DATED DECEMBER 17, 1773! AND ACCORDING TO IT, WE "PERISHED" AT A PARTY! BUT THERE'S NO TELLING HOW IT HAPPENED, BECAUSE THE PART OF THE PAGE THAT HAS THE REST OF THE STORY IS MISSING!

WELL, SON--SUPPOSE WE GET STARTED ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, AND FILL IN THE DETAILS FOR OURSELVES!



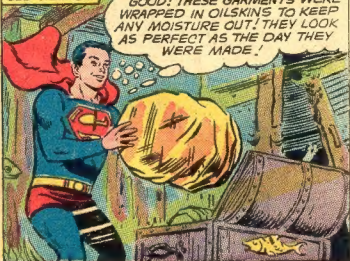
SHORTLY, SHEDDING HIS CLARK KENT GARB, **SUPERBOY** DIVES DOWN, DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF COASTAL WATERS...

FIRST, WE'LL NEED PROPER COSTUMES! A CHECK OF THE HULKS OF SUNKEN COLONIAL MERCHANT SHIPS SHOULD GIVE US WHAT WE NEED...



AFTER A THOROUGH BUT SWIFT SEARCH OF MANY OLD HULKS...

GOOD! THESE GARMENTS WERE WRAPPED IN OILSKINS TO KEEP ANY MOISTURE OUT! THEY LOOK AS PERFECT AS THE DAY THEY WERE MADE!



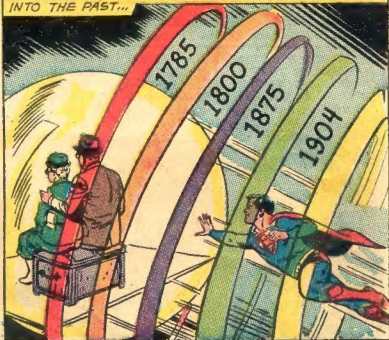
AFTERWARD, THE **BOY OF STEEL** BUILDS A LARGE BUBBLE OF A UNIQUE PLASTIC, AND...

THAT BUBBLE WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE TERRIFIC FRICTION-HEAT CREATED BY MY SUPER-SPEED AS I BREAK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!

THIS IS EXCITING! YOU'VE GONE BACK TO DIFFERENT ERAS OF THE PAST MANY TIMES BEFORE, SON-- BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE GOING WITH YOU!



SOON, FASTER THAN SOUND, FASTER THAN LIGHT, **SUPERBOY** SPEEDS BACK THROUGH TIME AND INTO THE PAST...



THEN, THE QUAIN BUILDINGS OF COLONIAL PHILADELPHIA...

THAT OLD NEWSPAPER CALLED US A "LOCAL FAMILY"-- SO, SINCE THE PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE WAS PUBLISHED IN PHILADELPHIA, THIS IS WHERE THE MYSTERY WILL BE SOLVED!



LATER, AFTER **SUPERBOY** CAUTIOUSLY HIDES THE PLASTIC BUBBLE...

HMM! MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS A STRANGE COSMIC CLOUD IN THE SKY! OH, WELL-- I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MEANS ANYTHING...



CLARK, YOU DON'T KNOW IT NOW, BUT THAT COSMIC CLOUD WILL LATER HAVE A LOT OF MEANING FOR YOU...

SOON, THE KENTS ENTER THE STREETS OF OLD PHILADELPHIA...

FIRST THING I MUST DO IS RENT A HOUSE FOR US TO LIVE IN, AND THEN FIND MYSELF A JOB!

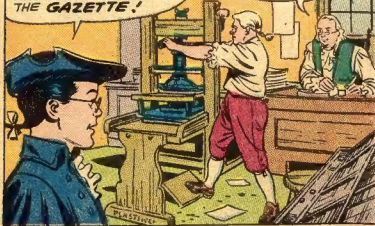
AND I'LL TRY TO GET A JOB, TOO--ON THE LOCAL PAPER SO I'LL BE RIGHT ON THE SPOT WHEN THE DETAILS OF OUR "DEATHS" ARE REPORTED!



SHORTLY, AT THE SMALL BUILDING THAT HOUSES THE PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE...

THAT MAN--HE'S BENJAMIN FRANKLIN! OF COURSE--I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED HE WAS THE PUBLISHER OF THE **GAZETTE**!

WELL, LAD? WHAT IS IT? SPEAK UP! REMEMBER THAT TIME IS MONEY!



WRITER, THINKER, INVENTOR, THE WISEST MAN OF HIS TIME LISTENS AS CLARK PLEADS FOR WORK...

...AND SIR, SINCE YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT "GOD HELPS THOSE THAT HELP THEMSELVES"--HERE I AM!

HA! HA! VERY SHREWD OF YOU TO QUOTE A SAYING FROM MY OWN "POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC." HMM... PERHAPS A SHARP LAD LIKE YOU WILL DO FOR A PLAN I'VE IN MIND!



AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE PEOPLE MEAN TO REVOLT AGAINST KING GEORGE! MUCH WILL BE HAPPENING--SO I NEED A QUICK, CLEVER LAD TO MOVE ABOUT AND BRING ME THE LATEST NEWS FOR MY PAPER! CAN YOU DO IT?

I'M SURE I CAN, SIR!



AND SO, CLARK, THE BOY, BECOMES A REPORTER FOR THE COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE--JUST AS CLARK, THE MAN, WILL ONE DAY IN THE FUTURE BECOME A REPORTER FOR THE **DAILY PLANET**!

BAD NEWS, MEN! THAT REDCOAT LEADER, GENERAL GAGE, HAS LEARNED THAT SAMUEL ADAMS AND JOHN HANCOCK ARE MEETING NEAR CONCORD! GAGE INTENDS TO SEIZE THEM AND OUR STORES OF ARMS CACHED THERE!

DON'T WORRY! IT'S BEEN ARRANGED FOR PAUL REVERE TO SPREAD THE WARNING!



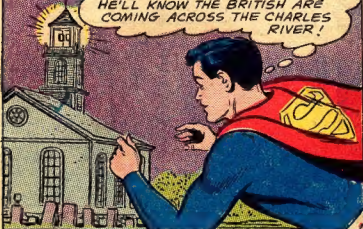
THAT NIGHT...

HERE I GO TO COVER MY FIRST STORY FOR MR. FRANKLIN--THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE!



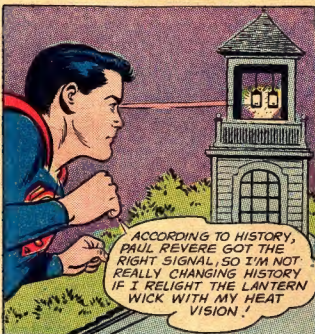
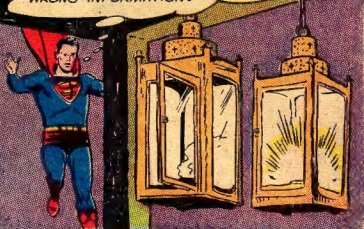
SOON, IN BOSTON, SUPERBOY SIGHTS TWO LANTERNS HOISTED TO THE SPIRE OF THE OLD NORTH CHURCH...

THE SIGNAL--ONE LANTERN GLOWING IF THE ENEMY INVADES BY LAND, TWO, IF BY SEA! WHEN PAUL REVERE SEES THE SIGNAL, HE'LL KNOW THE BRITISH ARE COMING ACROSS THE CHARLES RIVER!



SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...

OH, NO! THE GLASS POOL WASN'T FASTENED TIGHTLY--AND A GUST OF WIND HAS BLOWN OUT THE FLAME! BY THE TIME THE LANTERN IS PULLED DOWN, RELIGHTED, AND HOISTED UP AGAIN, REVERE MAY BE GONE WITH THE WRONG INFORMATION!



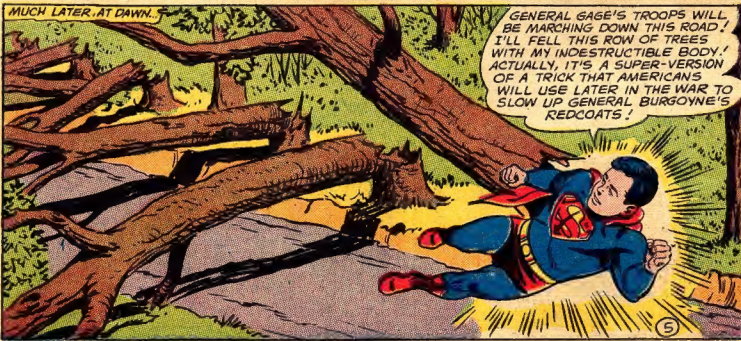
ACCORDING TO HISTORY, PAUL REVERE GOT THE RIGHT SIGNAL, SO I'M NOT REALLY CHANGING HISTORY IF I RELIGHT THE LANTERN WICK WITH MY HEAT VISION!

SOON, SUPERBOY SEES A THRILLING PAGE OF HISTORY ENACTED.

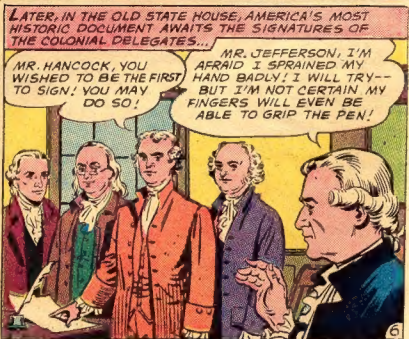
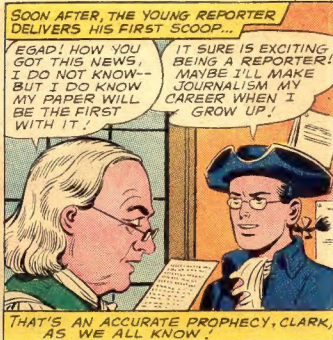


THE BRITISH ARE COMING! TO ARMS! THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

MUCH LATER, AT DAWN...



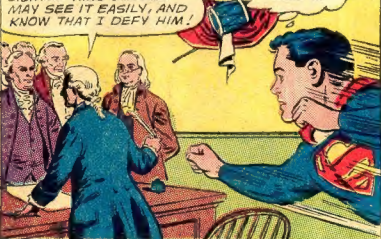
GENERAL GAGE'S TROOPS WILL BE MARCHING DOWN THIS ROAD! I'LL FELL THIS ROW OF TREES WITH MY INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY! ACTUALLY, IT'S A SUPER-VERSION OF A TRICK THAT AMERICANS WILL USE LATER IN THE WAR TO SLOW UP GENERAL BURGOWNE'S REDCOATS!



HIDING SECRETLY IN A CLOSET, SUPERBOY SUDDENLY EMERGES, AT SUPER-SPEED...

IF I AM ABLE, I HOPE TO MAKE MY SIGNATURE **SO BOLD** THAT EVEN NEAR-SIGHTED KING GEORGE MAY SEE IT EASILY, AND KNOW THAT I DEFY HIM!

A MAN WITH THAT KIND OF COURAGE DESERVES A LITTLE HELP...



MOVING SO FAST, HE CAN'T BE SEEN BY THE HUMAN EYE, **SUPERBOY** HOLDS HANCOCK'S HAND, AND GUIDES THE QUILL AT SUPER-SPEED...



JUST AS SWIFTLY, **SUPERBOY** STREAKS BACK TO HIDING...

DONE! THAT SIGNATURE WILL GIVE KING GEORGE MORE PAIN THAN IT GAVE YOUR HAND TO WRITE IT, EH, HANCOCK?

UHH...YES...BUT ODDLY ENOUGH, I WAS HARDLY AWARE OF MY HAND!! IT—IT WAS AS IF SOME UNSEEN FORCE GUIDED THE QUILL!



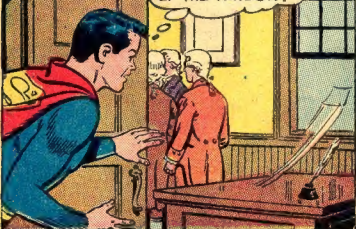
LATER, AFTER ALL HAVE SIGNED...

OPEN THE WINDOWS WIDE! SHOUT OUT THE NEWS! LET THE BELL IN THE TOWER PROCLAIM OUR LIBERTY!

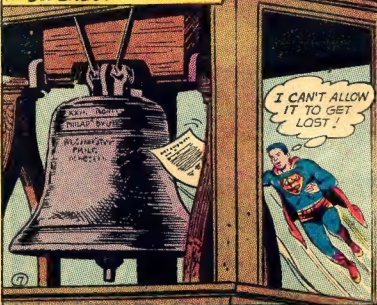


AS ALL WINDOWS ARE FLUNG OPEN, A SUDDEN STRONG GUST OF WIND WHIPS THE DECLARATION FROM THE DESK, AND...

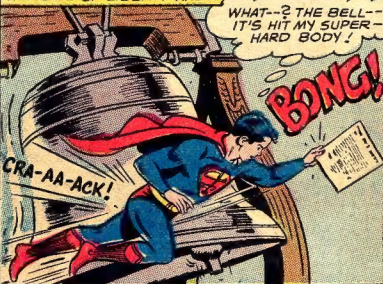
GREAT SCOTT! THE WIND IS BLOWING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OUT OF THE WINDOW!



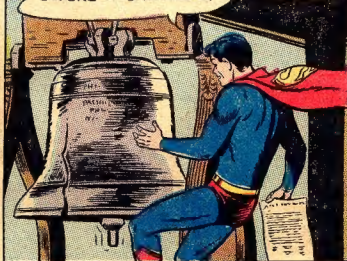
AN UPDRAFT LIFTS THE HISTORIC DOCUMENT HIGH AS **SUPERBOY** PURSUES IT...



SIMULTANEOUSLY, AS **SUPERBOY** RETRIEVES THE DOCUMENT, THE GREAT BELL BEGINS TO SOUND THE CALL OF LIBERTY AND...



GREAT SCOTT! IT LOOKS LIKE I ACCIDENTALLY CAUSED THE CRACK IN THE LIBERTY BELL! WELL, I CAN'T WASTE TIME-- I'VE GOT TO RETURN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEFORE IT'S MISSED!

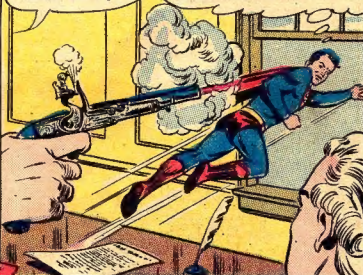


BUT SHORTLY, **SUPERBOY** IS FORCED TO SLACKEN HIS SUPER-SPEED LEST HE COLLIDE WITH THOMAS JEFFERSON WHO APPROACHES AT THAT INSTANT, AND...

OH-OH! BY SLOWING UP IN ORDER NOT TO HURT THOMAS JEFFERSON, I'VE ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE SEEN...



THAT REDCOAT TRIED TO STEAL THE DECLARATION! STOP HIM!



LATER, AT THE GAZETTE...

CLARK! TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY OF INDEPENDENCE, I AM GIVING A PARTY AT MY HOME! YOU AND YOUR PARENTS ARE INVITED!

A PARTY! HMM...MAYBE IT WILL BE THE PARTY AT WHICH THE GAZETTE SAID WE "PERISHED"!



LATER, AT FRANKLIN'S HOME, ANOTHER GUEST IS THE CUTE BUT CURIOUS NANCY BATES...

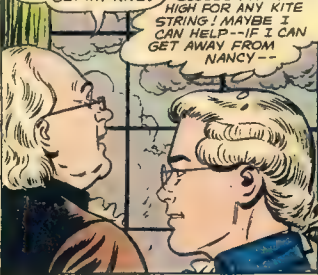
CLARK, HAVE YOU HEARD HOW A REDCOAT BOY TRIED TO STEAL THE DECLARATION? PERHAPS HE'S A BRITISH SPY MASQUERADING AMONG US AS AN AMERICAN? IF SO, THAT BOY MIGHT BE A NEWCOMER HERE, LIKE YOU! DON'T YOU AGREE?

GREAT SCOTT! THE WAY SHE SAID THAT, I THINK SHE SUSPECTS ME!



AH! THUNDERCLOUDS! NOW I CAN TEST MY THEORY THAT THERE IS ELECTRICITY IN LIGHTNING! I MUST GET MY KITE!

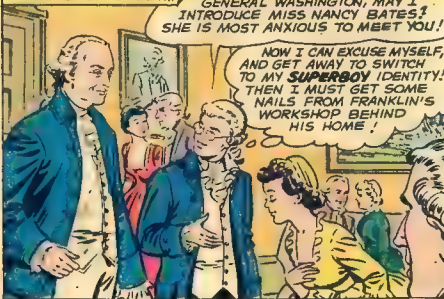
FRANKLIN AND HIS GUESTS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED! MY TELESCOPIC VISION TELLS ME THOSE CLOUDS ARE TOO HIGH FOR ANY KITE STRING! MAYBE I CAN HELP--IF I CAN GET AWAY FROM NANCY--



SWIFTLY, CLARK TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE ARRIVAL OF AN HONORED GUEST...

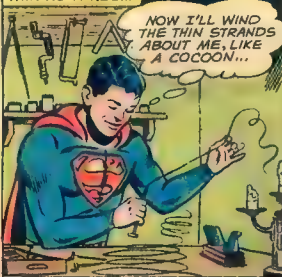
GENERAL WASHINGTON, MAY I INTRODUCE MISS NANCY BATES? SHE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU!

NOW I CAN EXCUSE MYSELF, AND GET AWAY TO SWITCH TO MY SUPERBOY IDENTITY! THEN I MUST GET SOME NAILS FROM FRANKLIN'S WORKSHOP BEHIND HIS HOME!



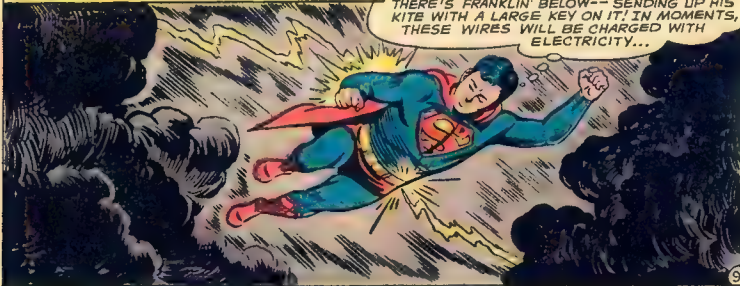
SHORTLY, IN THE WORKSHOP, WITH HIS SUPER-STRENGTH HE STRETCHES THE METAL NAILS, DRAWING THEM OUT AS THIN AS WIRES...

NOW I'LL WIND THE THIN STRANDS ABOUT ME, LIKE A COCOON...



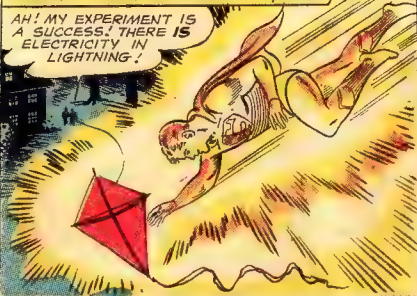
INSTANTS LATER, **SUPERBOY** SOARS UP AMID THE THUNDERCLOUDS, WHERE BOLTS OF LIGHTNING STRIKE THE WIRES AGAIN AND AGAIN...

THERE'S FRANKLIN BELOW-- SENDING UP HIS KITE WITH A LARGE KEY ON IT! IN MOMENTS, THESE WIRES WILL BE CHARGED WITH ELECTRICITY...



SOON, WITHIN AN AURA OF CRACKLING ELECTRICITY, **SUPERBOY** LOOKS LIKE A JAGGED THUNDERBOLT AS HE CARTS DOWN TO TOUCH THE KEY, AND...

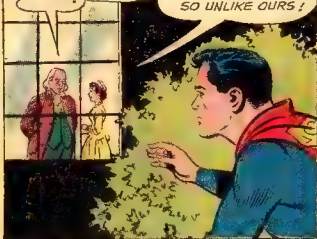
AH! MY EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS! THERE IS ELECTRICITY IN LIGHTNING!



LATER, AFTER TAKING TIME OUT TO DISPOSE OF THE ELECTRICITY-CHARGED WIRES, **SUPERBOY** RETURNS TO SEE... I-I

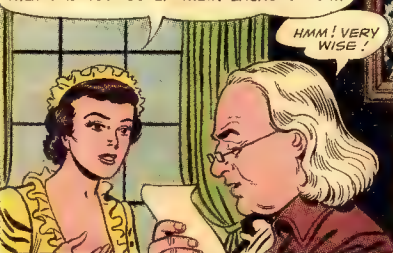
...AND YOU SUSPECT YOUNG CLARK AND HIS PARENTS ARE BRITISH SPIES?

WISH I DIDN'T, SIR--BUT THE MANNERS AND SPEECH OF THE KENTS ARE AT TIMES SO UNLIKE OURS!

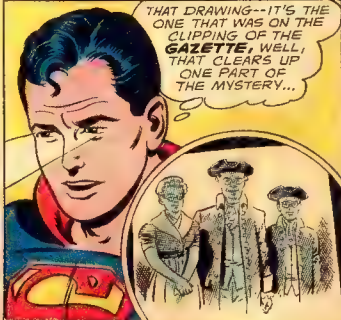


I HAVE A TALENT FOR DRAWING--SO I MADE A SKETCH OF THE KENTS FROM MEMORY! IF YOU PRINT COPIES OF IT, AND DISTRIBUTE THEM AMONG THE COLONIES, PERHAPS SOMEONE CAN IDENTIFY THEM AND TELL US OF THEIR BACKGROUND...

HMM! VERY WISE!



THAT DRAWING--IT'S THE ONE THAT WAS ON THE CLIPPING OF THE **GAZETTE**, WELL, THAT CLEAR'S UP ONE PART OF THE MYSTERY...



I'VE A WAY TO TEST CLARK'S PATRIOTISM! THE SHIPS OF THE BRITISH EAST INDIA TEA COMPANY ARE IN BOSTON HARBOR! I'LL ASSIGN CLARK THERE! SHOULD HE TRY TO WARN THE BRITISH THAT COLONISTS INTEND TO DUMP THE TEA, WE WILL KNOW CLARK IS A SPY!

I HOPE THAT HE IS NOT!



LATER, AT HOME, CLARK TELLS HIS PARENTS OF FRANKLIN'S SUSPICIONS...

THIS IS AWFUL! HISTORY BOOKS WILL CALL US "BENEDICT ARNOLDS" UNLESS WE CAN CLEAR OUR GOOD NAME!

WE WILL--AND STILL CARRY OUT HISTORY BY MAKING OUR "DEATHS" COME TRUE!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN BOSTON, LOYAL AMERICANS ARE READY TO DEFEY KING GEORGE'S LATEST EDICT...

SO KING GEORGE THINKS WE'LL PAY A TAX ON TEA, DOES HE? BAH!

WE'LL SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS AND BOARD THE SHIP! BY DISGUIISING OURSELVES AS INDIANS, WE'LL SURPRISE THE CREWS--AND THEN WE'LL DUMP HIS MAJESTY'S TEA!



SOON AFTER, THE KENTS PULL AWAY FROM SHORE IN A BOAT...

THERE'S BEN FRANKLIN'S MAN-- STILL WATCHING US! I'LL BET HE'S WONDERING WHAT WE'RE UP TO!

WE'LL PULL AROUND BEHIND ONE OF THE TEA SHIPS, WHERE WE'LL BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW...



LATER, AS THE PATRIOTS BOARD THE SHIPS, THE CREW ATTEMPTS TO RESIST, BUT **SUPERBOY** ACTS FAST!...

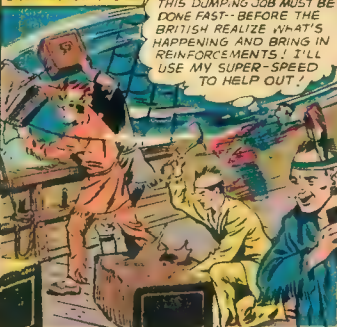
BY MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED, I'LL REMAIN UNSEEN WHILE I FIX IT SO THERE IS NO BLOODSHED!

THEY'RE DROPPING THEIR RIFLES IN SURRENDER! FORWARD, MEN! LET'S DUMP THE CHESTS OF TEA!



WITHOUT KNOWING IT, THE PATRIOTS GET SOME UNEXPECTED AID!

THIS DUMPING JOB MUST BE DONE FAST-- BEFORE THE BRITISH REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING AND BRING IN REINFORCEMENTS! I'LL USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO HELP OUT!



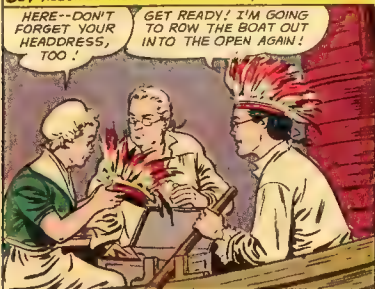
IN MINUTES, **SUPERBOY** FLASHES ABOUT THE THREE SHIPS, AND THEN...

EGAD! WE'VE DUMPED THE TEA MORE SWIFTLY THAN WE REALIZED!

THAT'S THAT! NOW TO GET BACK TO THE ROWBOAT AND COMPLETE THE REST OF MY PLAN!



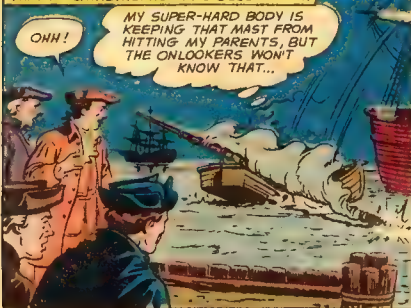
IN THE BOAT HIDDEN BEHIND A GREAT TEA-SHIP **SUPER-BOY** ASSUMES HIS CLARK KENT ROLE, AND THEN...



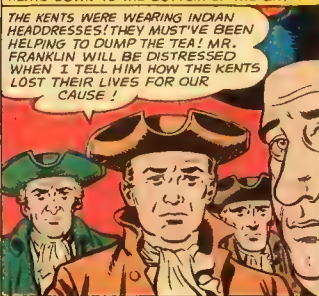
AS CLARK DOES SO, HE TURNS HIS HEAT-VISION ON THE UPPER MAST OF THE NEARBY BRITISH SHIP, AND...



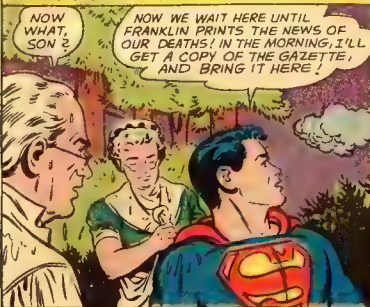
THUS IT SEEMS, TO THE HORRIFIED PEOPLE ON SHORE, THAT A "CATASTROPHE" HAS OCCURRED...



TO THE AGHAST ONLOOKERS, IT SEEMS THAT THE TIMBER HAS SUNK THE ROWBOAT AND SENT THE KENTS DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE BAY...



BUT NO ONE IS AWARE THAT **SUPERBOY** HAS SECRETLY CARRIED HIS PARENTS TO LAND...



AND SO, THE NEXT MORNING...

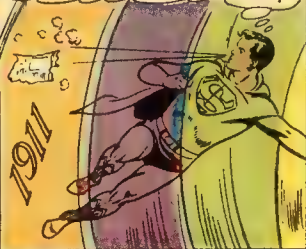


THAT MYSTERY SOLVED, **SUPERBOY** AND HIS PARENTS BEGIN THEIR RETURN JOURNEY THROUGH TIME...

GREAT SCOTT! THE SUCTION OF MY SUPER-SPEED HAS PULLED THE DISCARDED COPY OF THE GAZETTE ALONG--AND THE FRICTION HAS SET IT ON FIRE...

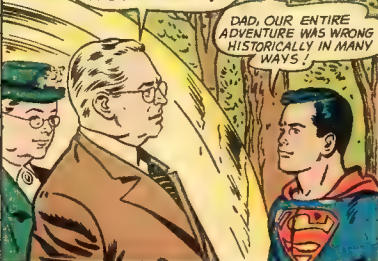


MY SUPER-BREATH WILL NOT ONLY BLOW OUT THE FIRE--BUT SEND THE PAPER INTO ONE OF THE TIME-ZONES--WHERE ONE DAY IT WILL BE DISCOVERED AND THEN PUT IN THE ARCHIVES OF WASHINGTON, D.C.!



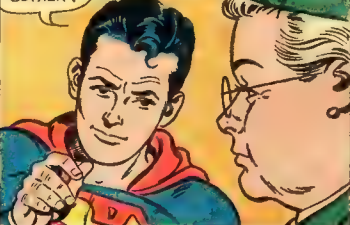
LATER...

SON, I'M PUZZLED! HISTORY BOOKS SAY THE BOSTON TEA PARTY TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE REVOLUTION--YET WE SAW IT HAPPEN AFTER THE REVOLUTION BEGAN! IT'S ALL WRONG!



DAD, OUR ENTIRE ADVENTURE WAS WRONG HISTORICALLY IN MANY WAYS!

THE LIBERTY BELL DID NOT CRACK WHEN IT WAS RUNG ON INDEPENDENCE DAY--FRANKLIN MADE HIS KITE EXPERIMENT WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN! I COULD GIVE YOU MORE EXAMPLES, BUT WHY BOTHER!

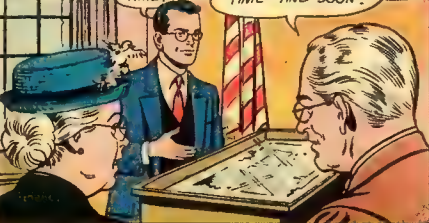


I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

THAT COSMIC CLOUD I SAW WAS RESPONSIBLE. SOMEHOW IT CAUSED A FREAK REACTION WITH THE TIME-BARRIER--AND AFFECTED OUR SENSES! FOR US, HISTORY BECAME DISTORTED, BUT NOT FOR THE PEOPLE ALREADY IN THE PAST--BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!



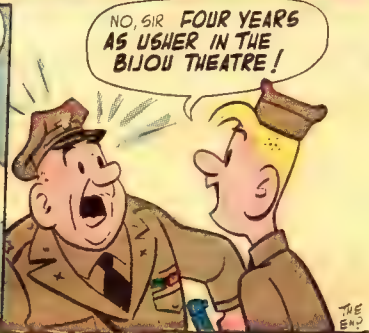
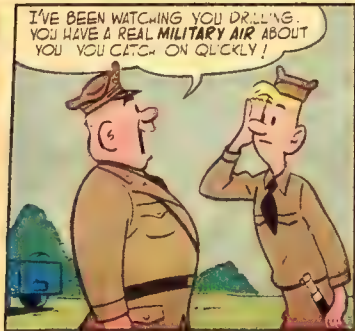
AND SO, LATER, IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL... THERE'S THE NEWSPAPER--ALL THAT'S LEFT AFTER IT WAS NEARLY CONSUMED BY FLAMES DURING ITS JOURNEY THROUGH TIME!



SIGH! A REMINDER OF AN EXCITING ADVENTURE! SON, YOUR MOTHER AND I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE US ALONG ON ANOTHER TRIP THROUGH TIME--AND SOON!

WATCH FOR ANOTHER TIME ADVENTURE WITH THE ENTIRE KENT FAMILY!

THE END



Is it a **BIRD?**
Is it a **PLANE?**
Is it **MR. MXYZPTLK?**

NO

It's **SUPERBABY...**

COMMITTING SUPER-MISCHIEF
MR. MXYZPTLK
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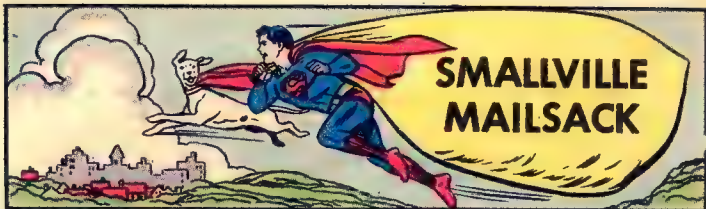
**The PLANET THAT CAME
TO A STANDSTILL!**



DON'T MISS THIS SUPER-NOVEL, APPEARING IN ...

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Dear Editor: I don't know how to thank you for the latest addition to the "Superman family"—the **LEGION OF SUPER-PETS**. I like animals very much; I own a puppy named Sargie and, on occasions when I go to the stables, I ride a very beautiful horse called "Spook." I hope we'll see more of the super-pets.

Vida Gestaula, Chicago, Ill.
(The Legion of Super-Pets was such a smash hit we intend to bring them back shortly, in an exciting adventure. Meanwhile, we'd like to hear from readers with suggested names for our super-horse and our super-monkey. We'll send original covers to the readers who suggest the best names for these animals.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: By the wax of Ramses' beard, thee have pulled a boo-boo. In the story, "Superboy's Romance With Cleopatra," you state that there were no dentists in ancient Egypt. We have just studied Egypt in Social Studies. According to the textbook, the Egyptians had professional dentists. Maybe they didn't have the best facilities, but they had good dentists. What have you to say for yourselves?

Earle Lipton, Penticton, Canada
(So how come we have never found any Pepsodent Toothpaste in any of their tombs?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Me must compliment yoo on yur latist Bizarro storee kalled, "The Good Deeds of Bizarro-Luthor." It wuz the best Bizarro storee me haz evur red. Me espeshulee liked the part wen Bizarro No. 1 carvd the fazez of Klark Kent and Soupermann on the mountin side. Wuns agen, me konradulates yoo.

Eric Tarnow, Brooklyn, N. Y.
(Some pal you are! Or didn't you know that, on the Bizarro World, when someone wishes you "Congratulations!", it really means "Drop dead!"—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I don't like to be different, but I think that your Bizarro stories are utterly ridiculous, idiotic, and crummy. They may have been all right for a novelty, but spoiling every issue of **ADVENTURE COMICS** with one of these whacky stories is a real waste. I can put up with Mr. Mxyzptlk, Brainiac, and all that, but Bizarro is a real flop in my book.

Patrick Geary, A.P.O. 12, N. Y.
(Let's set the record straight. Not only have the Bizarro series rocketed the circulation of **ADVENTURE COMICS** to an all-time high, but we are constantly deluged with requests to give the Bizarros their own book. While we admit that the Bizarro humor is "way out", so is MAD, one of the most successful magazines published today. Readers enjoy "Tales of the Bizarro World" because they spoof all comics and find such satire a welcome relief from the conventional type of story. For your information, every month we receive more than five thousand postcards with "Bits of Bizarro Business", proof indeed that this feature is popular.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I'm beginning to realize why the price of your great magazine has gone up. Your stories are better; your art is better. Readers should be grateful you didn't raise the price to 15c, like some of your competitors. I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed the recent story, "The Laughing Stock of Smallville." At last I learned how Lex Luthor became bald.

Todd Langdon, Corpus Christi, Texas
(Thanks for the kind words. Incidentally, all Luthor fans will enjoy a great imaginary novel, "The Bride of Luthor," in which Luthor reforms and marries Lois Lane. It will appear in **LOIS LANE** No. 34.—Ed.)

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TALES of the **BIZARRO** WORLD

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, EARTH'S TELEVISION LISTENERS ARE GLUED TO THEIR TV SETS, THRILLING TO THE ADVENTURES OF **PERRY MASON**, THE BRILLIANT ATTORNEY-AT-LAW WHO **NEVER** LOSES A CASE! WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH THE ZANY **BIZARRO** WORLD, WHERE EVERYTHING IS EXACTLY THE REVERSE OF EARTHLY THINGS? PLENTY! ONE DAY, REPORTER **BIZARRO-JIMMY OLSEN** IS ARRESTED FOR MURDER! WHO STREAKS IN TO HANDLE THE LAD'S CASE? WHY, NONE OTHER THAN **BIZARRO NO. 1**, WHO HAS ABANDONED HIS POSITION AS LEADER OF THE **BIZARRO** WORLD IN ORDER TO ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF **BIZARRO MERRY PASON**, BUNGLING ATTORNEY EXTRAORDINARY. FOLLOW HIS MAD ANTICS IN

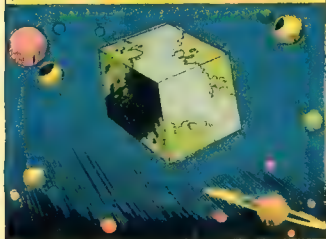
The CASE of the **SUPER-LOONEY LAWYER!**

YOUR HONOR, ME GOING TO **PROVE** MY CLIENT, **BIZARRO-JIMMY OLSEN**, KILLED HIS BOSS, **BIZARRO-PERRY WHITE!**

BOY, AM I GLAD **BIZARRO NO. 1** HAVE BECOME GREAT LAWYER **MERRY PASON** AND AM DEFENDING ME! NOW ME REALLY AM DOOMED! CHUCKLE!

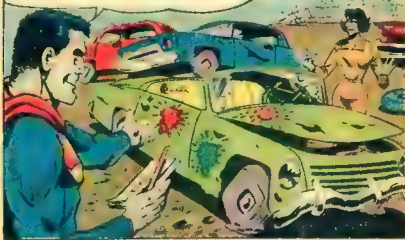


FAR OUT IN THE UNIVERSE EXISTS THE STRANGEST, WHACKIEST PLANET IN THE ENTIRE COSMOS... IT IS THE **SQUARE BIZARRO WORLD**, INHABITED BY STRANGE CREATURES WHO ARE IMPERFECT DUPLICATES OF **SUPER-MAN**, LOIS LANE, PERRY WHITE, JIMMY OLSEN AND OTHER **METROPOLIS** CHARACTERS...



EVERYTHING IS UTTERLY ZANY ON THIS WORLD, THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF EARTH! FOR INSTANCE, WHEN **BIZARROS** WANT TO BUY A NEW CAR, THEY GO TO A **JUNKYARD**...

NOTE BEAUTIFUL DENTS... ME BUY IT!!
BROKEN STEERING WHEEL... FLAT TIRES!
THIS CAR AM REAL **BARGAIN**!



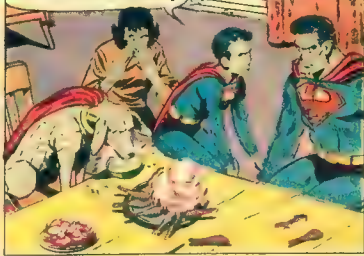
UNLIKE US, **BIZARROS** VACATION AT THE BEACH IN THE **WINTERTIME**, AND STAY HOME DURING THE **SUMMERTIME**...

A W-W-W-WONDERFUL T-T-T-TIME, D-D-DEAR! -- BR-RRR...!



HERE ON EARTH, PEOPLE SIT AT TABLES WHILE DINING, AND THEIR DOGS EAT ON THE FLOOR, BUT ON THE **KOOKIE BIZARRO PLANET**...

ME SURE WILL **BIZARRO-KRYPTO** HOPE SO, SON.
TOSS US MORE SCRAPS?



ON OUR PLANET, WHEN YOU BUY FOOD, YOU'RE GIVEN TRADING STAMPS! BUT IT'S... ER... **DIFFERENT ON THE BIZARRO WORLD**...

TRADING STAMPS COST TWO LUMPS COAL! YOU GET THIS CAN OF BEANS **FREE**!



IN OUR EARTH LIBRARIES AND HOSPITALS, **SILENCE** IS REQUESTED... BUT ON THE **TOPSY-TURVY PLANET**...

CAN'T YOU READ? GET OUT!! YOU **TOO QUIET!!**



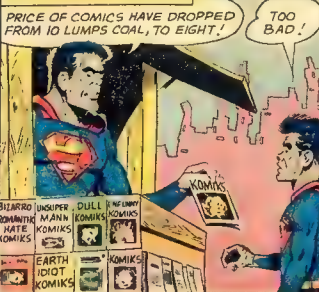
AT AN EARTH BIRTHDAY PARTY, THE CAKE'S CANDLES ARE **BLOWN OUT...** HOWEVER, AT A **BIZARRO** BIRTHDAY PARTY...



HIM **LIT** ALL THE CANDLES...

...WITH HIS **HEAT VISION!** HOORAY!!

ON THE **BIZARRO WORLD**, THE PRICE OF COMIC BOOKS HAS GONE **DOWN** INSTEAD OF **UP** AS HERE ON EARTH...



PRICE OF COMICS HAVE DROPPED FROM 10 LUMPS COAL, TO EIGHT!

TOO BAD!

BIZARRO
ROMANTIC
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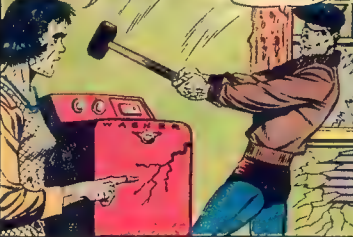
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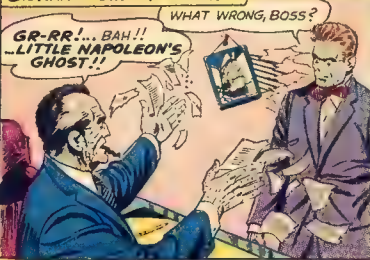
AND WHEN A **BIZARRO** HOUSEWIFE NEEDS A DISHWASHER MACHINE REPAIRMAN, IT'S BECAUSE...

MACHINE AM WORKING **TOO GOOD**, MR. REPAIRMAN! FIX IT, PLEASE!

DON'T WORRY, LADY! WHEN ME GET FINISHED, IT **WON'T** WORK AT ALL!!



JUST AS **METROPOLIS** HAS ITS **DAILY PLANET**, THE **BIZARRO WORLD** HAS ITS **NIGHTLY HTRAE**! LET US LOOK INTO THE OFFICE OF EDITOR **BIZARRO-PERRY WHITE** AS HE BAWLS OUT CUB REPORTER **BIZARRO-JIMMY OLSEN**...



WHAT WRONG, BOSS?

GR-RR!!... BAH!!
...LITTLE NAPOLEON'S GHOST!!

IDIOT! STOP TURNING IN **EXCITING SCOOPS**! ME NEED **DULL** FRONT-PAGE STORIES!

CHOKES
OKAY!

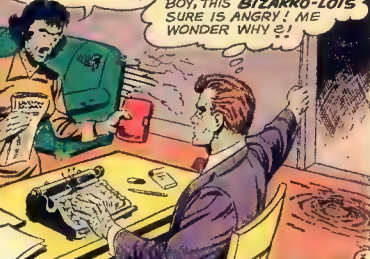


UNLIKE EARTH NEWSPAPERS, THE **NIGHTLY HTRAE** PLAYS UP **UNINTERESTING** NEWS!

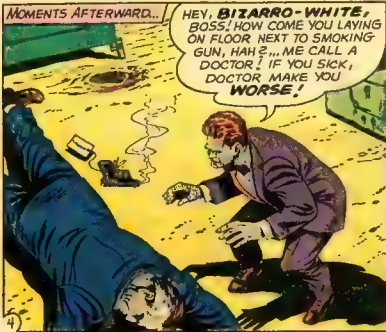
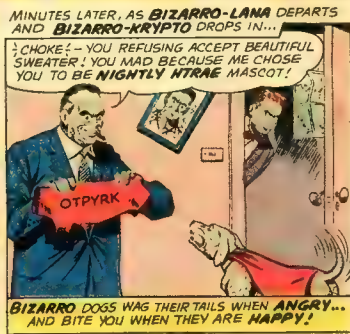
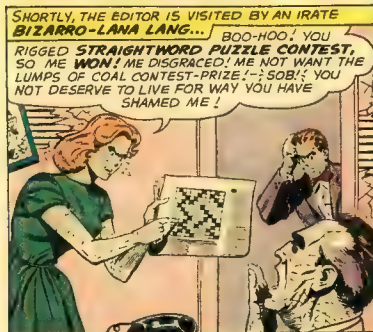
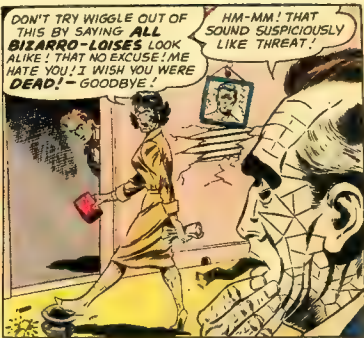
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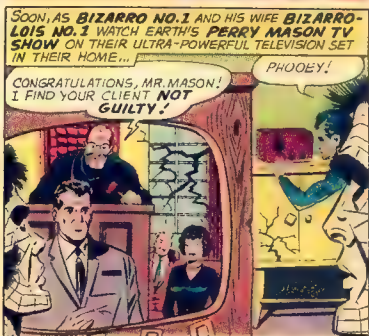
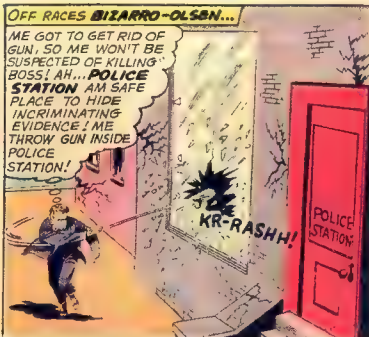
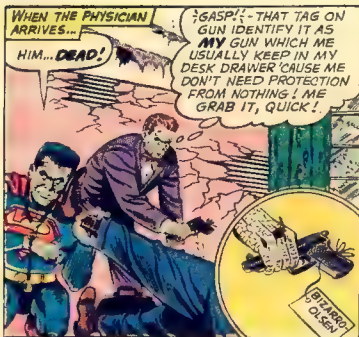
WHERE AM **BIZARRO-PERRY WHITE**, THIS PAPER'S DIRTY DOG OF AN EDITOR?

OUR DIRTY DOG OF AN EDITOR AM IN HIS OFFICE, GOOFING OFF!



BOY, THIS **BIZARRO-LOIS** SURE IS ANGRY! ME WONDER WHY?!





SHORTLY, AT THE BIZARRO JAIL...

GASP! - OH, HOW **LUCKY** ME AM TO BE REPRESENTED BY WORST LAWYER ON WHOLE **BIZARRO WORLD**!

REST ASSURED, ME WILL **FRAME** YOU!

CHEER UP! YOU AS GOOD AS DEAD!

NEXT DAY, IN THE BIZARRO COURTROOM...

OH, JUST SOME NUT WHOSE JOB AM TO MAKE SURE PRISONER GET **UNFAIR TRIAL**!

DISORDER IN THE COURT! JUDGE AM GOING ENTER!

JUDGE? WHO HIM?

ON EARTH, EVERYONE STANDS RESPECTFULLY WHEN THE JUDGE ENTERS... BUT ON THE BIZARRO WORLD THINGS ARE REVERSED...

EVERYBODY SITTING AND EATING... JURY AM FAST ASLEEP! YES, INDEEDY... YOU SURE AM A **GOOD GROUP**!

HOKAY, MERRY PASON! MAKE OPENING ADDRESS!

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR!

AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ME PROTEST!... SEE, JURY? HIM TRYING TO GET IN GOOD WITH JUDGE BY ANSWERING HIM RESPECTFULLY!

YOU RULED OVER, D.A.!

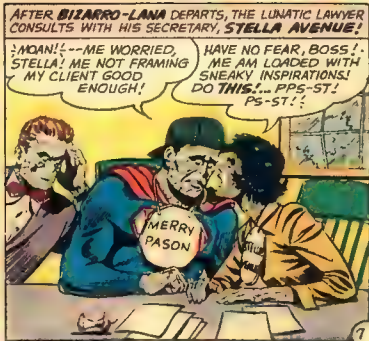
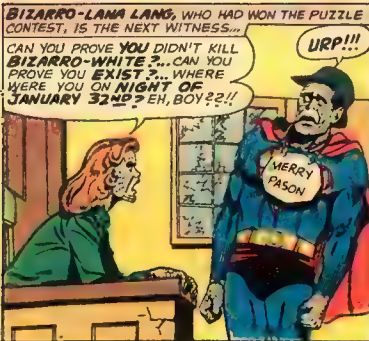
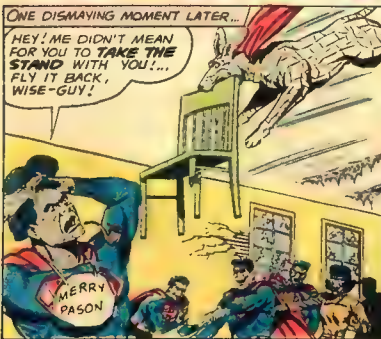
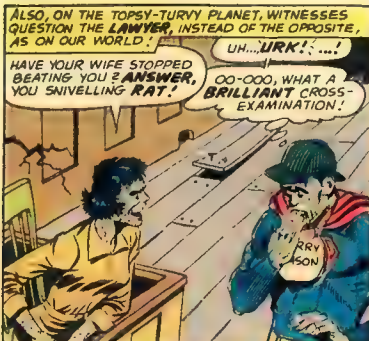
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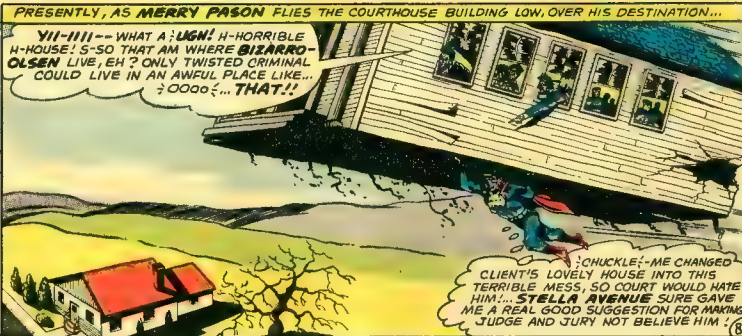
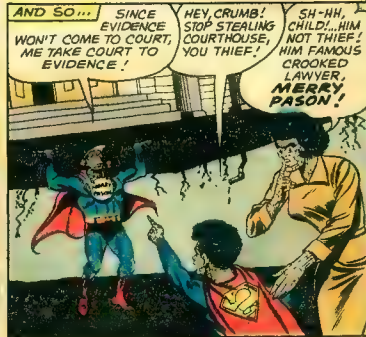
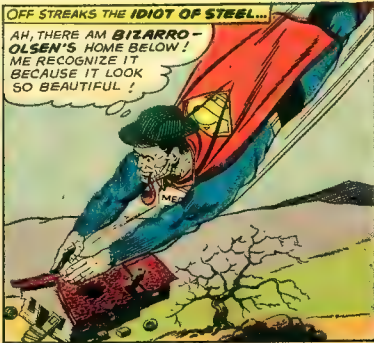
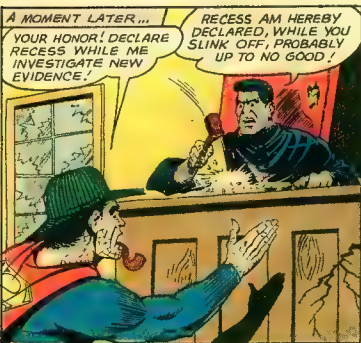
SHADDUP, YOU! YOU AM DISTURBING OUR SLEEP!

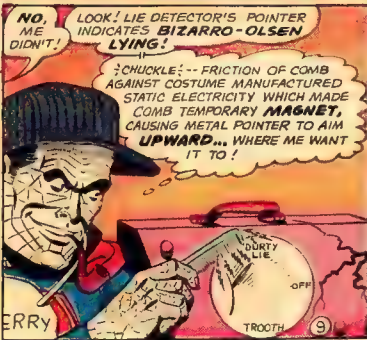
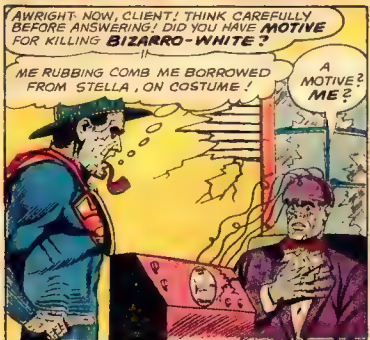
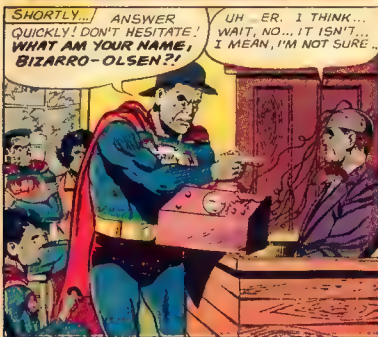
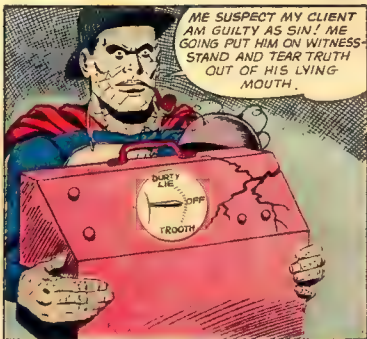
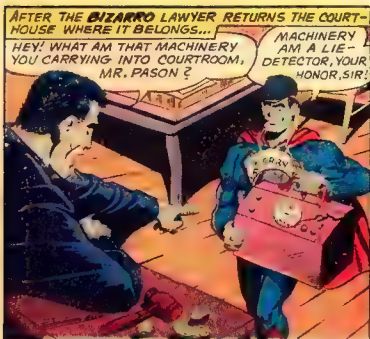
NOW THE FIRST WITNESS TAKES THE STAND. SHE IS THE BIZARRO-LOIS WHO HAD THREATENED BIZARRO-WHITE IN HIS OFFICE!

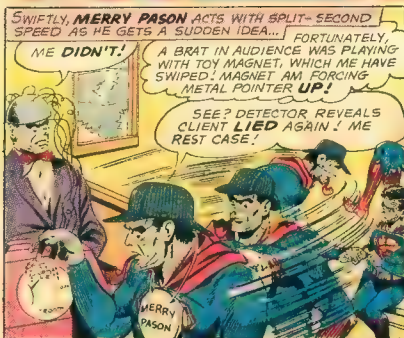
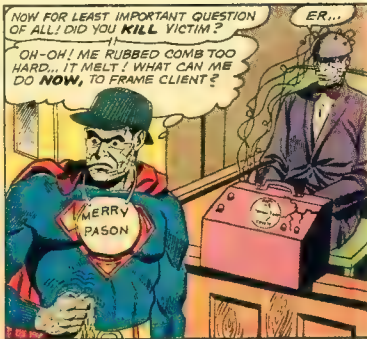
CREEP! HAG!

ON EARTH, WITNESSES ARE SWORN IN! ON THE BIZARRO WORLD, THEY ARE SWORN AT...

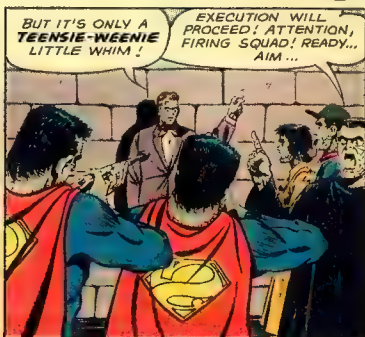




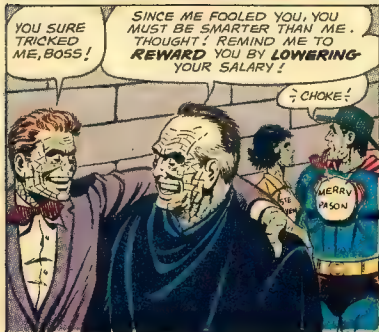


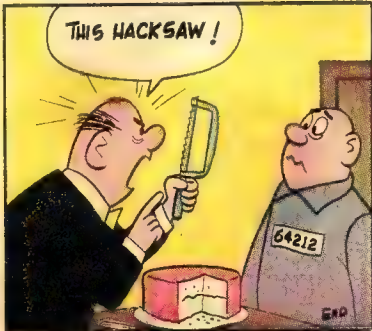
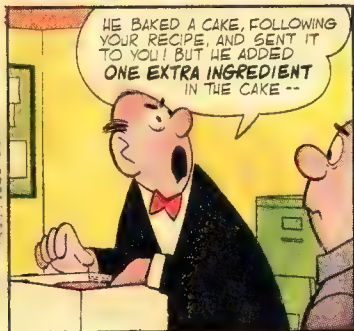
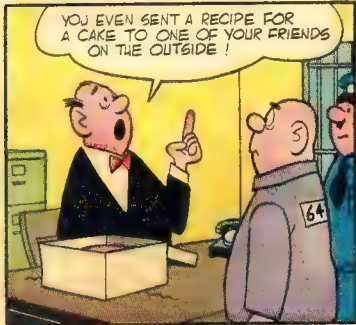
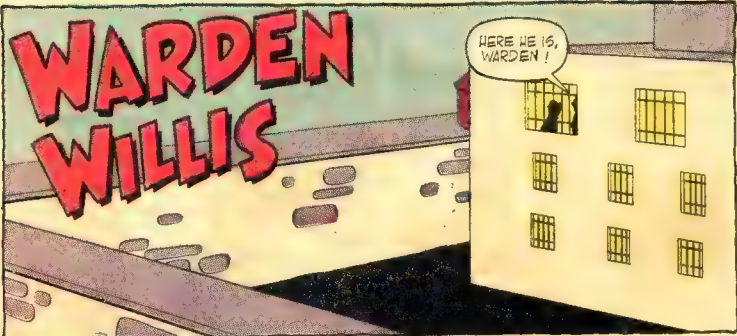


ON THE **BIZARRO WORLD**, TO BE INNOCENT IS TO BE FOUND 'GUILTY' ...AND TO BE GUILTY, IS TO BE FOUND--"INNOCENT"!



IF THE BIZARRO DOCTOR HAD SAID BIZARRO-WHITE WAS "ALIVE", HE'D HAVE MEANT HE WAS "DEAD"! BUT HE DIDN'T! SEE! ... ZZZ





LITTLE PETE

HENRY BOLTINOFF

TWO, PLEASE!

TODAY

LET'S SIT UP FRONT!

POP CORN

LOOK AT THE BIG SCREEN. THIS IS BETTER THAN WATCHING TV.

I DON'T KNOW. I SORT OF LIKE TELEVISION BETTER.

YOU DO? WHY?

ON TV IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE MOVIE, YOU CAN SWITCH CHANNELS AND WATCH ANOTHER!

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A GREAT STORY WHICH DIGS DEEP INTO THE MAN OF STEEL'S PAST WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY and SUPERBABY!

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Featuring **"The Super-Showdown!"**

"I KNOW YOURS AS SUPER-FAST AS I AM, AND I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE, KRYPTONIAN KID!"

"FRODOG SUPERMAN! TO THINK YOU CAN OUT-LEARN ALL OF US IN A DUEL! IF ONLY ONE OF US DIED! YOU'LL BE PROTECTED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOREVER!"

See **SUPERMAN** FIGHT HIS GREATEST DUEL!

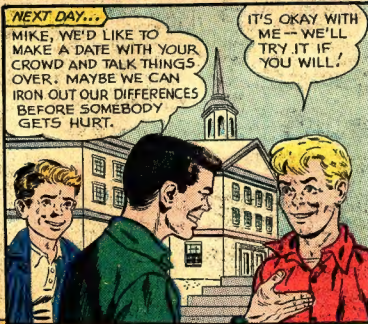
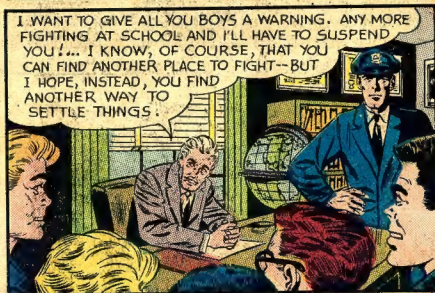
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I'll show you, by my quick, easy SECRETS

How to GAIN OR LOSE UP TO 50 LBS. FAST
like my pupils here did and THOUSANDS do now."



17
YEAR
OLD
SILLS
**"I GAINED
60 LBS.
OF SHAPELY
MIGHTY
MUSCLES.
BEFORE**
mailing
coupon,
I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny
weakling."

says JOHN SILL.

**"I LOST
30 LBS.
OF
DANGEROUS
UGLY
FAT
4 INCHES
OFF MY
WAIST!"**

"That 220 lb. FAT-BOY at
the right was ME a few
short weeks ago."

28 year old
Felipe
Mendoza



A.B.C. streamlined my
body, made me a new man
my 47" chest
my 32" waist
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YOU become A WINNER in ALL you do
like these and MILLIONS of my pupils!



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SILVER TROPHY with name on it,
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NING POWER.

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NE! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are
now. If you're in your teens, twenties, thirties or
forties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes
in your home, how you can make yourself **over** by
the easy, quick method I turned myself from
weak to WORLD CHAMPION and turned MILLIONS
of others into all-male men!

YES! You'll ADD INCHES of MIGHTY MUSCLES to
your ARMS, deepen your CHEST, broaden your
BACK and SHOULDERS. From HEAD to HEELS
you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED,
ENDURANCE. You'll become a SUCCESSFUL, ME-
MORABLE LOOKS and ACTS — a WINNER in EVERY-
THING — athletics, business, studies.



Pasarella

BEFORE
mailing
coupon
this
A.B.C.
pupil was
this
50 lb.
skeleton.
Gained
70 lbs.
before
gained
A.B.C.
team.

You wouldn't
give me a
tumble
before
I gained
A.B.C.
lbs.

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